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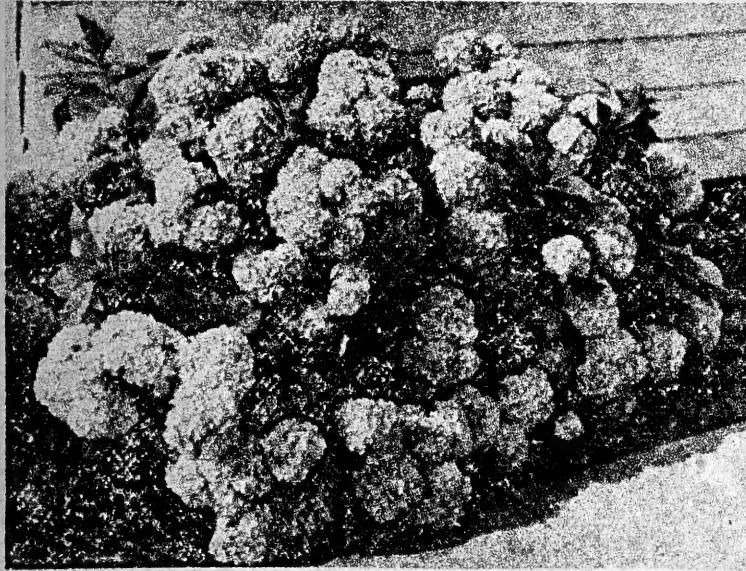
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NIKKO BLUE HYDRANGEA

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THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HARDY BLUE HYDRANGEA

Special Offer



We had to disappoint many of our customers whose orders were received too late. We have a good stock for 1953-54 season. Order today to be sure of your supply.

Blue Hydrangeas are not new to American horticulture, but most of them have been tender varieties grown in greenhouses and occasionally planted in gardens.

Now we have Nikko Blue, both hardy and beautiful. It has withstood temperatures of 20 degrees below zero. The tops die down to the ground every winter, but give them a little mulch protection and the crowns will grow into bushy shrubs in one season.

They will grow 2 to 4 feet tall with attractive, luxuriant foliage and great masses of flowers. Because the flowers are borne on the new wood, you get blooms every year and lots of them. It is not at all unusual to see flower heads more than a foot across and the shrub completely covered with them--a wonderful show.

In alkaline soil the flowers are pink; in acid they are blue. It's easy to change alkaline soil into acid with aluminum sulphate (two tablespoons to a gallon of water).

There is a real vogue for Nikko Blue Hydrangeas. They are used for:

- Perennial Borders
- Shrub Borders
- Lawn Specimens
- Planting in Tubs and Boxes
- Foundation Plantings

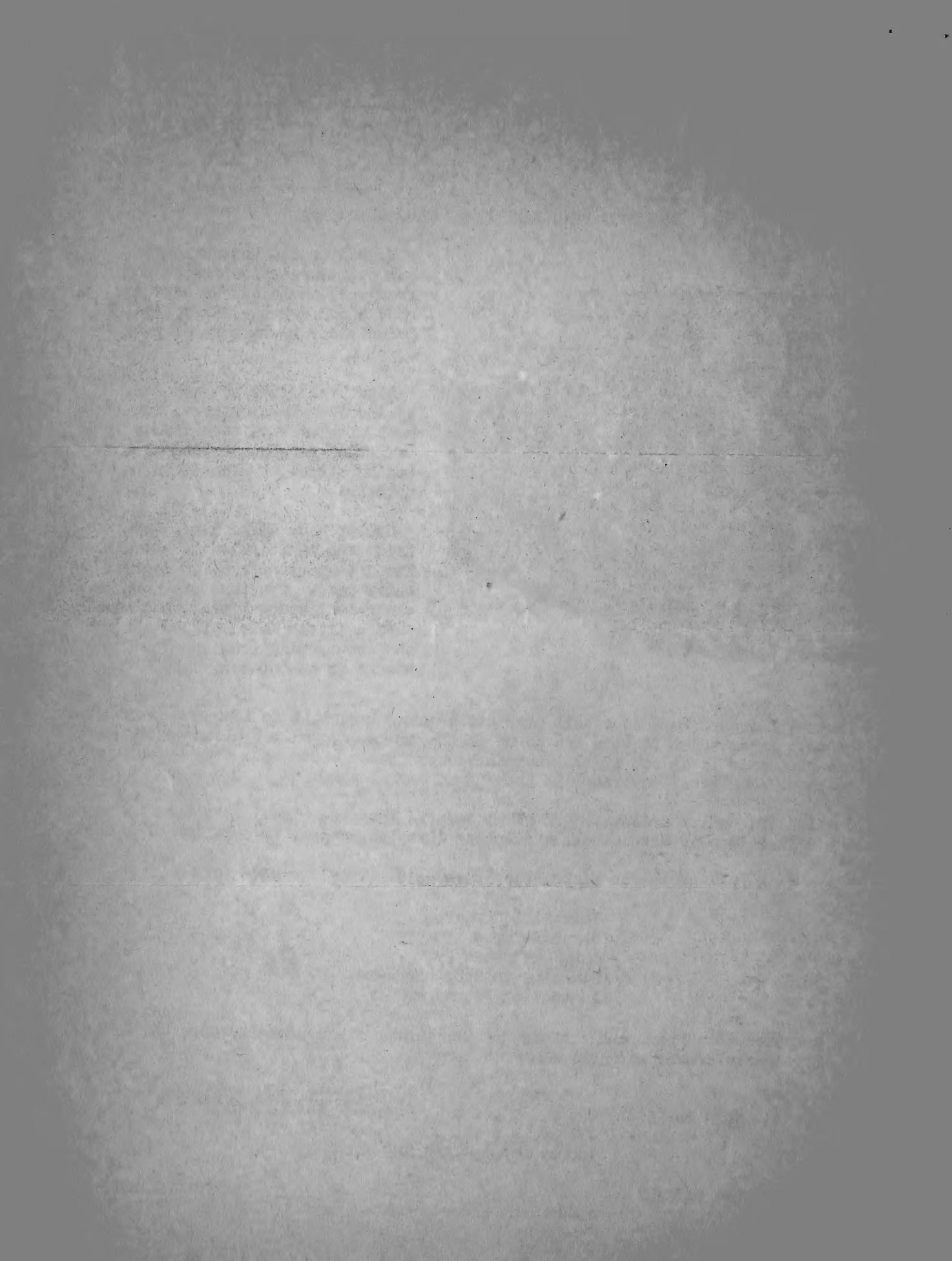
Be prepared to supply your customers. Our plants are especially nice this year strong, 2 year-old crowns with numerous stems.

| | Per 10 | Per 100 | Per 1000 |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|
| No. 1 | \$9.00 | \$85.00 | \$800.00 |
| Medium. | 7.50 | 70.00 | 650.00 |
| (300 or more at the 100 rate) | | | |

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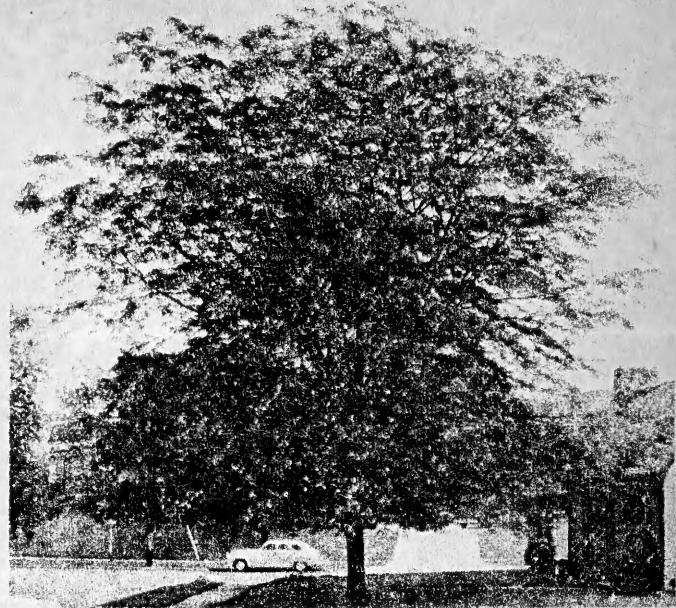
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MORAINE LOCUST

(PLANT PATENT NO. 836)

The Moraine Locust is a round-headed tree when young, but tall and vase-shaped when older, attaining a height of 80 to 100 feet. It grows more rapidly than the common type of locust because of the absence of seed pods and thorns. This attribute, together with the small leaflets which mostly drift into the lawn between the blades of grass, makes little fall clean-up necessary. It stands pruning well but needs very little since the lower branches self-prune as the top grows wider. This makes it desirable for narrow street planting of small properties, as sufficient clearance can be maintained for any type of traffic. Transplants easily.



| | Per 10 | Per 100 |
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| 7 to 8 feet, whips (Suggested Retail \$7.50) | \$33.50 | \$300.00 |
| 6 to 7 feet, Whips (Suggested Retail \$6.00) | 27.50 | 250.00 |
| 5 to 6 feet, whips (Suggested Retail \$5.00) | 22.50 | 200.00 |

TREE WISTERIA

Wisteria Sinensis

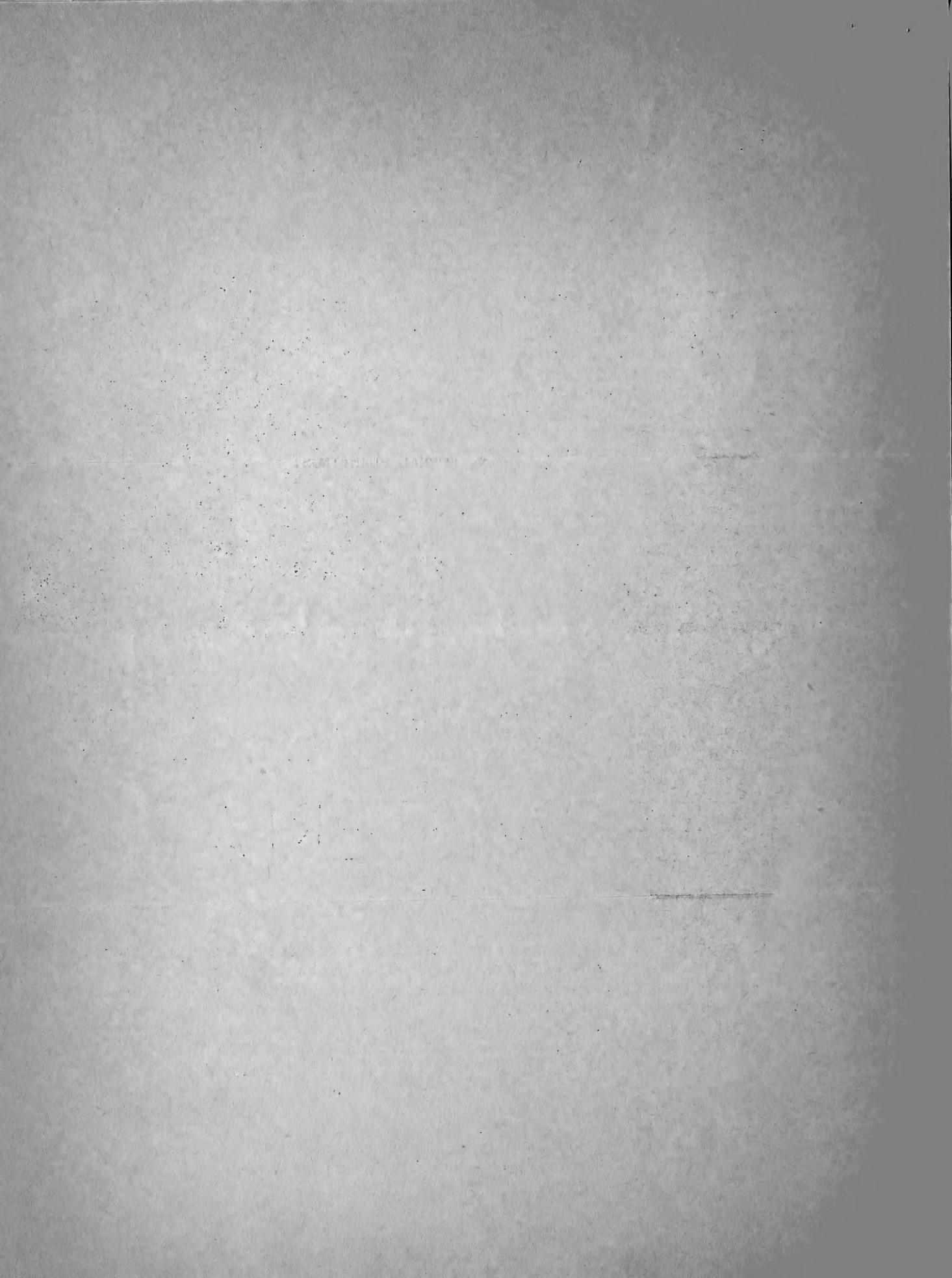
You have customers who are eager for something "different", something novel. It will thrill them to have one of these lovely Tree Wisterias in the yard. Mature plants produce hundreds of purplish-blue flowers in early summer. Use in formal gardens or for specimens on the lawn.

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| 3½ to 4 feet, stems, bare root | \$35.00 per 10 |
| 3½ to 4 feet, stems, B & B | 45.00 per 10 |

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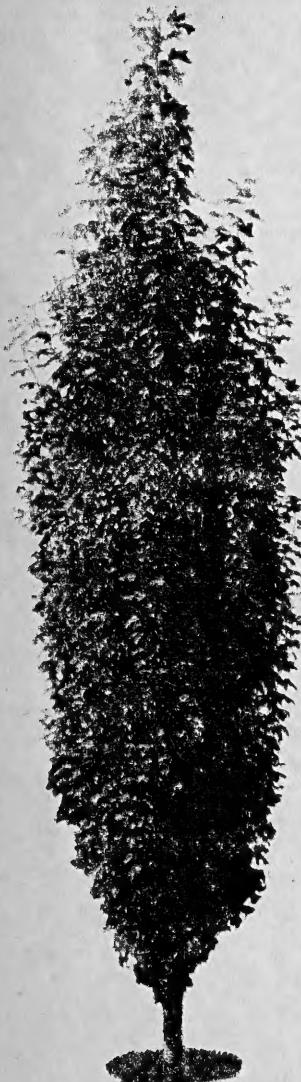
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BOLLEANA POPLAR

AN ARISTOCRATIC TREE

OF MANY USES



Slender, narrow habit of growth; smooth green bark, leaves dark green above, white beneath.

- * FORMAL PLANTINGS.
- * STREET PLANTING where space is limited.
- * SCREEN PLANTINGS between properties or to eliminate undesirable views.
- * BACKGROUND PLANTINGS on grounds of ranch style homes to relieve monotony of horizontal lines.
- * LONG-LIVED. Will outlast Lombardy Poplar many, many years.
- * CLEAN. Does not shed twigs or branches.

BRANCHED TREES

| | <u>Per 10</u> | <u>Per 100</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 5 to 6 feet | \$8.50 | \$80.00 |
| 4 to 5 feet | 7.00 | 65.00 |

(Supply is limited. Buy now for shipment when you need them.)

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BUDDLEIA

BUTTERFLY BUSH

The Butterfly Bushes are becoming more popular every year because of their usefulness in landscape planting. No shrub gives quicker results. Plant in the spring--have a full grown bush in full flower the same summer. Established plants start blooming in midsummer and continue until frost. Plant them in the rear of perennial beds for high background. Mix with shrubs for variety and color. They make good cut flowers for home use. Widely used by florists. Not only are the flowers showy, but they attract myriads of brightly colored butterflies that hover around them all day long.

Butterfly Bushes are handsome shrubs with long narrow leaves, grow 2 to 4 feet high in one season, and come in a wide range of color; red, purple lavender, pink and white.

Butterfly Bushes like reasonably fertile well drained soil and plenty of sunlight. In the northern two-thirds of the country the tops die down in the winter, but new tops are developed the next season and bloom the same year.

We offer you a selection of five of the very best varieties.

Charming. The most nearly pink Butterfly Bush we have seen. Large, rather open sprays on tall vigorous bushes.

| | | Per 10 | per 100 |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| No. 1 (300.00 per 1000) | • | 4.00 | 35.00 |
| Medium (250.00 per 1000) | • | 3.20 | 28.00 |

Dubonnet. Live, reddish-purple, like the wine for which it is named. Extra long, full spikes. Continues to be one of the most popular.

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Floralart. Developed in New Mexico by Mr. A. C. Miller and introduced by us. In our opinion it has the best flowers of all because nearly the whole spike blooms at once. On most other varieties the bottom flowers are faded before the top flowers open. For this reason Floralart makes best cut flowers. Handsome orchid-lavender flowers in large, full, very compact spikes. Medium size bush.

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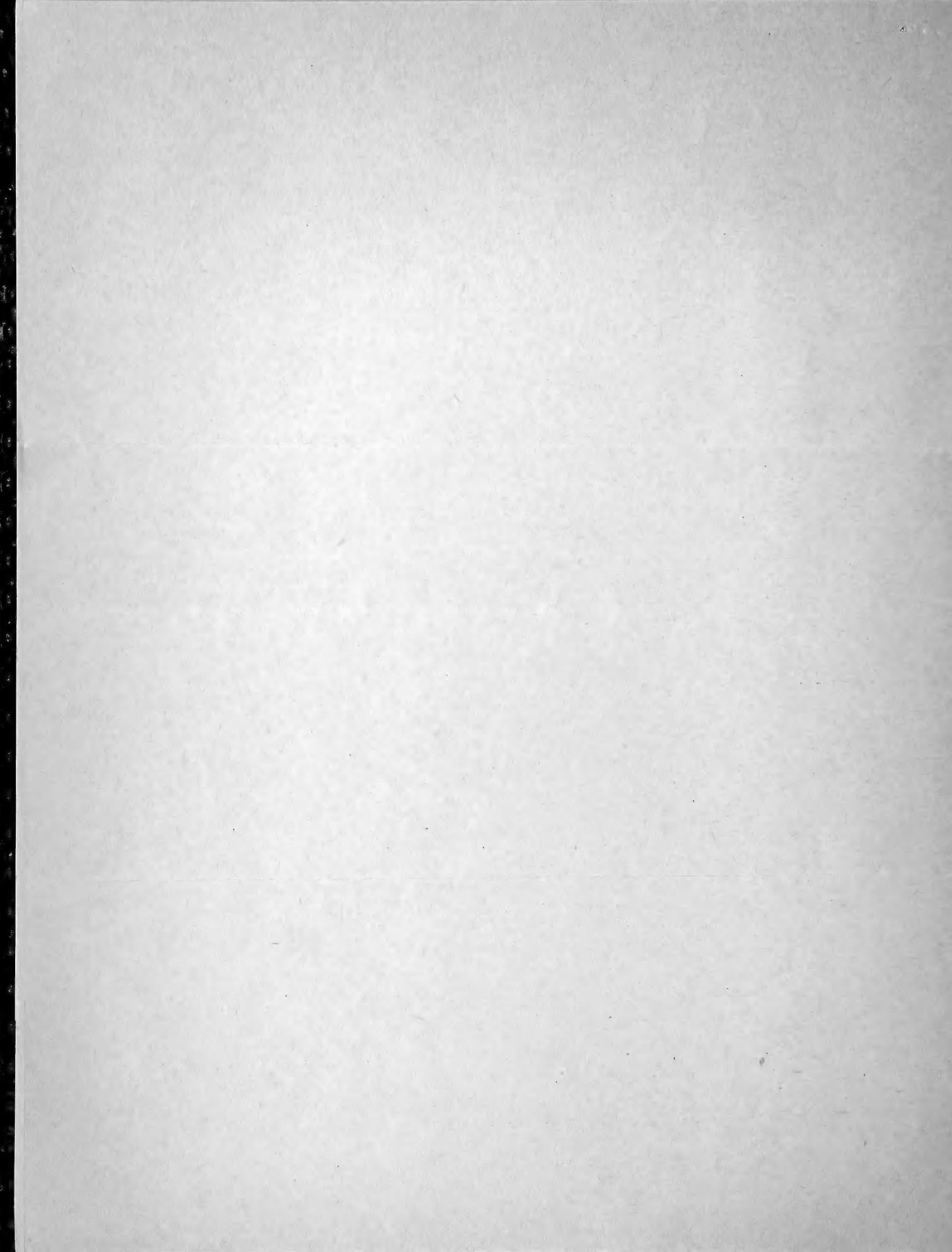
Red. As nearly red as you will find in Butterfly Bushes. This one is so good that we ought to give it a special name.

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| No. 1 (350.00 per 1000) | • | 4.50 | 40.00 |
| Medium (275.00 per 1000) | • | 3.50 | 30.00 |

White Cloud. Does not grow so large as other varieties but makes neat compact bush completely covered with well formed spikes of white flowers. Especially good in borders and for cut flowers.

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| No. 1 (350.00 per 1000) | • | 4.50 | 40.00 |
| Medium (275.00 per 1000) | • | 3.50 | 30.00 |

Stock some of each of these Butterfly Bushes--give your customers a choice.



CALICARPA DICHOTOMA

CHINESE BEAUTYBERRY
(Sometimes referred to as *C. purpurea*)

Hortus II refers to the Callicarpas for both their ornamental flowers and berries. However, the most outstanding attribute is the lavender-purple berry which is borne in clusters in the fall and is very showy. It is a native shrub of China and Japan and is hardy over most of this country. Shrub grows to four feet.

FLOWERING QUINCE

Chaenomeles lagenaria (Formerly Cydonia japonica)

We are proud to be the introducers of this superior strain of flowering Quince. It took many years of observation and selection to come up with this upright growing shrub of uniform habit, with brilliant red flowers. It is grown from cuttings of course, in order to perpetuate these desirable characteristics.

FORSYTHIA SPRING GLORY

New! One of the finest *forsythias* ever introduced. Covered with pale yellow flowers early spring. Produces many more blossoms than other varieties.

CARYOPTERIS INCANA

(BLUE MIST)

Essentially a perennial herb growing as large as 4 feet. Compact bushy plant covered with masses of powdery-blue flowers from August to frost. Tops die back each year so they must be handled the same as Butterfly Bush.

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Ship to:

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| | Nikko Blue Hydrangea | 2 yr. No. 1 |
| | Nikko Blue Hydrangea | 2 yr. Medium |
| | Moraine Locust (Patent No. 836) whips | 7-8" |
| ..... | Moraine Locust (Patent No. 836) whips | 6-7" |
| ..... | Moraine Locust (Patent No. 836) whips | 5-6" |
| ..... | Bolleana Poplar, branched | 5-6" |
| ..... | Bolleana Poplar, branched | 4-5" |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, Charming | No. 1 |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, Charming | Med. |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, Dubonnet | No. 1 |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, Dubonnet | Med. |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, Floralart | No. 1 |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, Floralart | Med. |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, Red | No. 1 |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, Red | Med. |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, White Cloud | No. 1 |
| ..... | Butterfly Bush, White Cloud | Med. |
| ..... | Tree Wisteria, bare root | 3½-4" |
| ..... | Tree Wisteria, B & B | 3½-4" |
| ..... | Callicarpa dichotoma | 18-24" |
| ..... | Callicarpa dichotoma | 12-18" |
| ..... | Flowering Quince, Willis strain | 18-24" |
| ..... | Flowering Quince, Willis strain | 12-18" |
| ..... | Forsythia Spring Glory | 2-3" |
| | Forsythia Spring Glory | 18-24" |
| | Caryopteris incana | No. 1 |
| | Caryopteris incana | Med. |

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